

# Babe Ruth Mourned By Baseball-Loving Japanese Nation

By the Associated Press  
TOKYO, Aug. 17.—Babe Ruth, who rated only slightly under Gen. MacArthur in the esteem of the Japanese, was mourned throughout this baseball-loving nation today.

Every Japanese old enough to pull on a baseball mitt loved to pull on a baseball mitt. Babe Ruth, who died in New York yesterday, was hailed for one minute out of respect to the home run king who died in New York yesterday.

Ruth came here in his prime with Connie Mack's All Stars. They were batted at the Imperial Hotel, but before checking in Ruth drove to the ball park and started hitting a few while goggle-eyed Japanese watched.

**Ball Fells Japanese.**  
In rapid succession Ruth lined four pitched balls into the grandstand. One dropped a spectator as if he had been shot. Ruth, worried, kept inquiring about the condition of the Japanese until the man regained consciousness.

That incident, played heavily on Japanese sports pages, drew thousands to the all star games, not to see Ruth, but to see baseball as to see Ruth perform.

And the Bambino did not disappoint them. Oriental pitching and Oriental ball parks were made to order for him. His "home runs," as the Japanese called them, have never been equaled here.

## British Papers Front Page News of Babe Ruth's Death

LONDON, Aug. 17 (AP).—The death of Babe Ruth was front page news in Britain today. British papers, short on newsprint, told the story briefly. The longest account, a quarter of a column, appeared in the Daily Express. All the stories emphasized that Ruth was the idol of millions of Americans and a symbol of American sport. They also pointed up his large earnings as home-run king.

In their own reserved way, many British sports fans, who know little about baseball but who have long been familiar with the Babe's name and deeds, joined in mourning the passing of one they, too, called an immortal in his field.

## Ruth

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"graduate" of the St. Mary's Industrial School there, the Babe all but revolutionized baseball with the home run. He hit 71 of them in his major league career with the Boston Red Sox, New York Yankees and Boston Braves, exclusive of 15 World Series swats.

George Herman Ruth set a total of 76 records, 62 of which still stand. The most famous was his 60 home runs in one season, 1927. A brilliant left-handed pitcher, he was an even greater hitter and with the Yankees was transformed into an outfielder.

His crowd appeal lifted baseball from the shadow of the Black Sox scandal of 1920, produced the revenue that built Yankee Stadium and finally lifted him to a higher salary than that of the President of the United States.

**Truman Sends Message.**  
A message of condolence from President Truman was the first of many to arrive at the Ruth residence at 110 Riverside drive. It said:

"A whole generation of boys now grown to manhood will mourn the passing of the home-run king of the baseball world."

"Babe Ruth had all the qualities of a hero, and as an exemplar of clean sport was an inspiration to tens of thousands of rooters of all ages all over the country."

Hospitalized for part of the time since undergoing a neck operation January 6, 1947, Ruth was Wednesday on the critical list last Wednesday when pulmonary complications set in.

He staged a surprising week-end rally, and on Sunday sat up in an

## Hoover Recalls Boy Rated His Autograph Far Below Ruth's

By the Associated Press  
NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Former President Herbert Hoover today recalled this incident about the late Babe Ruth:

A small boy approached Mr. Hoover and said he needed three of his autographs. When Mr. Hoover asked why three, the boy replied:

"I want to keep one for myself, but it will take two more of yours in a trade to get one of Babe Ruth's."

easy chair for 20 minutes while relatives and friends visited him. Yesterday his condition grew steadily worse and hospital bulletins indicated the end was near.

His world-wide appeal was epitomized in a wreath of 37 orchids sent by Hawaiian school children a few hours before he died. Ruth looked at the flowers but said nothing.

**Wife and Daughters at Hospital.**  
At the bedside when death came were Dr. Martin, Dr. Loton Rasmussen, Father Kaufman and two male nurses.

At the hospital were his wife, Claire, his two adopted daughters, Mrs. Daniel Sullivan of New York, and Mrs. Richard Planders of North Conway, N. H.; his sister, Mrs. Wilbur Moberly of Baltimore, and two intimate friends, James Chapman and J. Paul Carey.

When word of his death reached the Polo Grounds, where Ruth played for several years with the Yankees, the fans stood in silent tribute. The Yankees and Giants were playing an exhibition game. Johnny Mize, first baseman of the Giants and a cousin to Ruth by marriage, left the game.

Learning of Ruth's death in his suite at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, former President Herbert Hoover said the Babe was "one of the great sportsmen of the United States."

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey said at Albany that "George Herman Ruth was the idol of millions of sports-loving Americans. A spectacular baseball player whose equal may never be reached. Babe Ruth was above all a great American."

One of those at the Polo Grounds when the end came was Mayor O'Dwyer of New York.

"May God rest him," he said. "The youngsters miss him, and so will the grownups."

**Last Appearance July 26.**  
After his operation in 1947 and 82 days in the hospital, Ruth went home, a wan ghost of the robust giant who became a symbol to every



BALTIMORE.—READ OF RUTH'S DEATH.—Boys at St. Mary's Industrial Home, where Babe Ruth once went to school and Brother Herbert of the St. Francis Xavier Order, read of the famous player's death after they had attended mass for him. Brother Herbert, who had instructed young Ruth on shirt making, spoke of him as "a swell kid."

## Boys at St. Mary's School Pray For Most Famous 'Graduate'

By the Associated Press  
BALTIMORE, Aug. 17.—About 50 sleepy-eyed boys at the St. Mary's Industrial School were urged this morning to remember the soul of Babe Ruth, who died last night, and who at one time sat in these same benches.

Brother Charles, superintendent of the Xaverian School where the Babe spent nine years, thus informed the boys of the death of the institution's legendary "graduate."

The boys gathered in chapel to attend a mass for the "incorrigible" kid who became a baseball immortal.

Brother Charles reported "even now when some of the little boys are playing ball and try to get an extra swing at the ball, you'll hear some one shout, 'Hey, what're you trying to do, be a Babe Ruth?'"

baseball-minded youth, even to a new generation that never saw him play.

Kids were waiting for him at his home, and they knew him by his camel's hair coat and cap and for the grin he forced through pallid lips. They sent up the old shout, "Hey, Babe!" like the kids used to do when they milled around him at Yankee Stadium.

Ruth was under constant medical care after that. He was sustained largely by his interest in the Babe Ruth Foundation, devoted to the encouragement of baseball-conscious youngsters, and his employment by Henry Ford II as a "consultant" for the American Legion junior baseball program.

His last appearance at a public event was at a New York theater July 26 (1948) for the world premier of the movie, "The Babe Ruth Story."

Mayor O'Dwyer had proclaimed it "the greatest athlete of his time" and "an immortal in the game of baseball."

The famous slugger appeared at the theater supported on both sides, so ill he could barely smile to the cheering crowd. He called the picture "wonderful," but was forced to leave in the middle of it and a private showing was arranged at the hospital.

The movie was based on Ruth's own life story, told earlier to Bob Considine. Ruth presented the book's manuscript to Yale University library.

**Visited Stadium in June.**  
Leaning heavily on his long, yellow bat, the Babe stood on the plate in Yankee Stadium June 13, for the last time. The occasion was the silver anniversary of the huge baseball plant his tremendous crowd appeal was credited with building.

All the living members of the 1923 Yankee team, and stars of other Yankee teams, were on hand for the ceremonies, high lighted by the official retirement of Ruth's uniform and the famous No. 3 on its back.

The uniform now is at Cooperstown's Hall of Fame, never to be worn by another player.

A deafening roar greeted the Babe as he strode from the Yankee dug-out, swinging the bat. Whispering hoarsely into the microphone, tears streaming down his face, he said he was proud to have hit the first home run in the stadium in 1923 and proud and happy to be there 25 years later.

On April 28, 1947, Ruth had gone to the stadium for a Babe Ruth day and to hear plaudits from Francis Cardinal Spellman, from the top men in baseball and from Brother Gilbert, who discovered his baseball talent at a Baltimore industrial school and who was to die six months later.

The Babe was a shrunken version of the 225-pounder of old, whose powerful shoulders topped off an inverted pyramid of a man set on spindly legs and delicate ankles. But under the familiar pug nose was the infectious grin of old.

Listeners in thousands of homes and in other ball parks where the ceremonies were piped were stunned to hear the weak, hoarse voice.

"Thank God for baseball," Ruth said. He was thankful because it gave every boy, no matter what his lowly beginning, a chance to reach the top.

Earlier that day Ruth had a visit from Johnny Sylvester. Twenty-one years earlier Johnny Sylvester was an 11-year-old Brooklyn boy, suffering from an almost hopeless spinal ailment.

At the boy's request, Ruth visited him at his hospital, gave him an autographed baseball and promised to hit a home run for him. The Babe made good in triple measure, and when Johnny recovered, physicians gave Ruth a bountiful share of the credit.

Last spring, while pushing the junior baseball program, Ruth toured the major league training camps in Florida, re-living the memories of his own playing days.

## Senator Chavez Makes 'Unusual Recovery'

By the Associated Press  
ALBUQUERQUE, N. Mex., Aug. 17.—Senator Chavez, Democrat, of New Mexico, is making an "unusual recovery" from an operation, his physician said yesterday.

The 60-year-old Senator was reported in serious condition for several hours after an abdominal operation was performed Friday.

headed by Nathan Gregory Silvermaster.

Miss Bentley publicly named Mr. White at the House committee hearing. When she did so, Representative Rankin, Democrat, of Mississippi asked her if he was a Communist.

Miss Bentley replied: "I don't know whether Mr. White was a card-carrying Communist or not."

Then she was asked by Committee Investigator Robert Stripling the "extent of his co-operation with your group." Miss Bentley said:

"He gave information to Mr. Silvermaster which was relayed on to me." Later she said that from what her direct informants told her, Mr. White knew where the information he gave was going, "but preferred not to mention it."

**Denied Giving Information.**  
When Mr. White took the stand, however, he denied ever giving any confidential information to Silvermaster, saying he never gave any confidential information to any unauthorized person.

He said he did not think a Communist Party member could be loyal to the United States while in an important position. He added:

"I would not have employed any one who was a Communist or used his position to get confidential information. But you're talking about something we know now. In those years, the thing that was in the forefront of our mind was to win the war."

It was during the testimony that Mr. White said he had been aware that Silvermaster had been involved in loyalty investigations.

Mr. White told the committee that in 1942 or 1943 Silvermaster had told him he was being asked to resign from the Board of Economic Warfare on grounds of being a Communist. Silvermaster, he said, asked him to help clear his name.

**Visited Silvermaster Basement.**  
He never impressed me as a Communist," Mr. White said. "I was a little taken aback when he was a Communist. He said so."

Mr. White then explained he had asked Silvermaster for some proof and received from Silvermaster a long statement listing the charges made against him.

Mr. White said he then was convinced of Silvermaster's integrity. He then went to see Herbert Gaston, a Treasury loyalty board member, and asked him to look into the charges with a view toward letting Silvermaster return to a previous post at the Agriculture Department.

He said he assumed Silvermaster was cleared because he got his old job back.

During this explanation to the committee last Friday, Mr. White said he had been in the Silvermaster basement where, Miss Bentley had charged, there was photographic equipment used to copy Government documents for the Soviet agent's use.

## White

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funeral home in Boston, where his body was taken. Private funeral services are scheduled there at 11 a.m. Thursday.

He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Joan and Ruth. Chairman Thomas of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, who was told by reporters of Mr. White's death at the end of an executive session today. He was asked if this death would cause any change in the committee's plans. He replied that Mr. White's death would not change the committee's plans "in the slightest way."

Asked if he had anything further to add, Mr. Thomas said:

"I regret very much when any one passes away. It's a very sad thing and particularly sad for the relations and close friends."

Mr. White was named by Miss Elizabeth Bentley, self-confessed former Communist agent, as one of the former Government employees who supplied secret information for relay to Russia during the war.

**Appeared Voluntarily.**  
The accusation, among the most sensational disclosures of the current congressional Communist hearings by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, was made on August 1. Last Friday, Mr. White appeared voluntarily before the same committee to deny the story.

He said he could not remember ever having met Miss Bentley or ever having helped Communist sympathizers to obtain "key posts" in the Government, as Miss Bentley also had charged.

He called "unqualifiedly false" the charge by Miss Bentley that he knew any such key employees were "engaged in espionage work" or that he helped them in that work.

Mr. White, a former economics professor, was well known in Washington where he lived for many years.

In telling of Mr. White's alleged part in the wartime espionage activities of Russian agents, Miss Bentley said he was working with the so-called Silvermaster group of agents, the group she said was

# Hospital Denies Using New Drug In Treating Ruth for Cancer

By the Associated Press  
NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Memorial Hospital said today physicians had established "a year or two ago" that Babe Ruth had cancer, but denied reports that he had been treated with a new drug.

The hospital issued an official statement on Ruth's death. It said: "Babe Ruth died of cancer. The tumor began in the naso-pharynx, a part of the air passages back of the nose in a locality near the undersurface of the skull which is inaccessible to surgery when involved by cancer. From this point the tumor had first grown out to press upon certain nerves which emerge from the brain, one of which partly supplies the motor function of the throat and the larynx."

"Early in the course of his disease, Babe Ruth suffered from paralysis of one of these nerves and as a result became hoarse and found it difficult to swallow. This symptom

continued up to the time of his death.

"As in many cases of cancer, the growth spread to other points of origin and appeared in his neck. The diagnosis of cancer in this case was definitely established a year or two ago by the surgical removal of a lymph node from the neck for microscopic examination."

"While in Memorial Hospital, Babe Ruth received treatment by X-radiation and radium, and in addition such supportive treatment as was required from time to time for his general condition. He received no special drugs or chemicals in the attempt to control his tumor—no teroplatin, a chemical which had been previously investigated at Memorial Hospital and found to be of no value in the treatment of cancer."

"Death was due to complications arising from a spread of his tumor not only locally but also to the lungs and liver."

"elite group" of persons not wanted as sources of information for the Communists but as persons who, in responsible Government positions, "would be of more service to the party" than any information.

"Would you say that White was an unwitting dupe?" Mr. Chambers was asked by Representative Herbert, Democrat, of Louisiana.

"I should scarcely say unwitting," Mr. Chambers replied.

"Did he know what he was being used for?" Mr. Hebert then asked, to which Mr. Chambers answered:

"I would scarcely say used. He was willing."

In his prepared statement to the committee, Mr. White, besides denying flatly that he was or ever had been a Communist, stated that "the principles in which I believe, and by which I live, make it impossible for me to ever do a disloyal act or anything against the interests of our country."

He then discussed at length what he called "my creed." He said he believed in freedom of religion, freedom of thought, freedom of the press, freedom of criticism and freedom of movement. He added he believed in "the freedom of choice of one's representatives in Government, untrammelled by machine guns, secret police or a police state."

The former Treasury official told the hearing that he was then a financial and economic consultant in New York.

Mr. White was born in Boston and was graduated from Columbia and Leland Stanford Universities. Later he returned to Boston to obtain a doctorate in philosophy and economics from Harvard.

While in Washington Mr. White lived at 6810 Fairfax road, Bethesda.

## Cashier

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payment. He displayed a stamped receipt for the bill.

Mr. Mudd said it was discovered the cashier apparently used a hand stamp to stamp the receipt, and then pocketed the money. Normally, the receipt would be put through a machine for stamping, which records the amount of money as it stamps it. The hand stamps are used in emergencies when the machines do not work.

**Stamps Called-In.**  
He said all but three stamps, which will be retained by three top officials in the tax collector's office, have been called in as a result of the discovery.

Mr. Mudd said the shortages must have occurred over the past three weeks since a routine partial audit was completed on July 23.

When the suspected cashier arrived for work yesterday morning, he saw the auditors in the office, turned and left, according to Mr. Kidwell, stating in the morning, he called his superior, Lamon Davis, who is assistant chief cashier, and said he knew about the shortage.

The cashier in question, in any event, is bonded for \$10,000. Mr. Mudd added, so it is unlikely the District will suffer any loss.

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# Tenants Hit Rent Rise In Good Hope Hills

Tenants of the Good Hope Hill apartments today fired a barrage of complaints at the apartment management during hearings on a proposed 16 per cent increase for 412 units.

More than 50 residents of the Southeast development appeared at the hearing before Rent Examiner Denis K. Lane. They were represented by Attorney Jacob L. Burch. The development is owned by Waverly Taylor, Inc.

Complaints by the six witnesses who testified this morning concerned heating, plumbing and plaster.

One tenant, Leslie Quast, of 3209 Buena Vista terrace S.E., said the heat was turned on at 3 a.m. in a broiling July night this summer, but was often lacking during the winter.

Mr. Lane said he would rule in the case after he inspects the apartments.

Hearings this afternoon were to deal with a request for a 16 per cent increase for 30 additional apartments. The hearings are being held in the District Rent Control Office, 1740 Massachusetts avenue N.W.

The apartments are on Twenty-eighth street S.E. from the 2800 through the 3200 block; on Thirtieth street S.E. in the 3000 block, and on Buena Vista terrace and Jasper street S.E. in the 3100 block.

Owner's testimony, heard yesterday by Mr. Lane, contended that annual maintenance and operating costs increased by \$64,000 over the 1943 period.

## Chamber Names Martin

MARTINSBURG, W. Va., Aug. 17 (Special).—Paul B. Martin, former Martinsburg mayor, has been named to the West Virginia Junior Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He replaces T. Guy Reynolds whose overage makes him ineligible to serve longer.

## Wyoming Democrats Pick Nominees Today

By the Associated Press  
CHEYENNE, Wyo., Aug. 17.—Wyoming Democrats today pick the candidates who will try to unseat the State's Republican United States Senator and Representative in the November general election.

Fair skies were forecast for the completion of a quiet primary campaign.

Senator Robertson and Representative Barrett are unopposed for renomination by the Republicans. That party picks its candidates for the State Legislature and county commissioners, the only other offices at stake this year.

Gov. Lester C. Hunt, seeking the senatorial nomination, combined his primary and general election campaign. His opponent, Carl A. Johnson, Cheyenne public accountant, campaigned chiefly on the issue that if Gov. Hunt wins in November he will leave the governorship in the hands of a Republican secretary of State.

The closest race appeared to be that for the nomination for the State's lone Representative, L. C. (Pat) Flannery, administrative assistant to Senator O'Mahoney, and Joe McGowan of Cheyenne, editor of the Wyoming-Utah Labor Journal, are regarded as the strongest contenders. Sidney C. Konegav, Cheyenne World War II veteran, also seeks the nomination.

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